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THEN - And NOW -

FIFTY YEARS

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

OF

MONTEREY COUNTY LIBRARY

After the enactment of the California County Library Law in 1911, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors established the County Library in 1912. However, the first Librarian was not selected and officially appointed until September of 1913, when Miss Ann Hadden became the one to organize and pioneer the County Library in Monterey by establishing a system of community and school service outlets all over this long, and sketchily populated area. That she did an outstanding service to all of our residents is evidenced by the continuing and flourishing system of Branch Libraries existing today, throughout the county. Before roads along the coast, Miss Hadden travelled by horse, loaded with saddlebags full of books, to isolated communities at Big Sur and Lucia, and schools in the mountains and at Pacific; the entire trip, from Salinas and back took her a week or more. Today, any of the people in the county can be reached in a couple of hours, and cartons of books transported by car, have replaced the saddlebags and horses.

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the death of Anne Hadden, almost fifty years, to the day, from the day she was appointed first Librarian of Monterey County. Her legacy to us is the indomitable spirit with which she attacked the problems of book service to the scattered and isolated areas of our County. With her example before us how can we fail to carry on, so that we may make of her legacy to us, a memorial to her.

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NEWS AND NOTIONS:

Tops on the news is the Branch Librarians' meeting, to be held on Friday, November 8. Save the date, and be sure to be here. It will be held in our new "meeting room" at Headquarters (26 Central Avenue, Court House Annex, Salinas, in case you haven't been in to see us lately). We will start you off with a "cuppa" as the Australians say, at 9:30 A. M. Morning session will be devoted to discussion of our own library problems, distribution of Book Week materials, and a general brush-up on procedures. The luncheon will be a tasty item prepared by our Staff cooks, and will cost 95¢ - tax and tip included. A program in honor of our 50th anniversary will be the highlight of the afternoon, with adjournment at about 3 P. M. All of you plan to be here - the newer ones in our library family, because all of this you should know about; the old-timers, because you will be part of the history, and you should be here to protect your good name, and possibly correct some of our facts, or at least add to them. Fill out the form at the end of the Newsletter, and send in so that your reservations will be in our hands by November 4. Please feel free to invite assistants, substitutes and any guests who might be interested in our history - or might even be a part of it.

Next in our news are the new Branch Librarians in Spreckels and Gonzales. Come and meet Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Sheldon.

Holidays: November 11 - Veterans' Day; November 28- Thanksgiving Day. In December, you can close your Branch Library at 5 P.M. on Christmas and New Years Eves. December 25 and January 1 are Holidays, too.

And speaking of holidays, it looks as if most of you have had a few - vacations, that is. Hope you had fun. Keep us posted - and please notify us on time. The auditor gets a little annoyed, and thoroughly confused when you have back-dated reports, and we try to explain that the day off was for Tuesday of last month. Time off, and substitute help time should be sent in before Friday of the week following your payday. This means that when you receive your check on say a Monday (if the mails are slow), then immediately sit down and figure up any time off, or substitute time taken in the past week, or anticipated in the current week, and mail that in to us no later than that Thursday.

Try phoning a reminder of overdue books, whenever possible. This is quicker and will save writing up a postal form. Also, it is usually more satisfactory, since you can explain just which books are overdue, and can notify the person before the books have been kept so long that the borrower has forgotten all about them.

Please fill "pinkies" immediately, or report to us. It is absolutely essential that you send in any and all books we ask for, if you do not actually have a request on file. You may not hold a book just because it is popular and may go out again. Catch it between circulations, and send it in promptly. If you want it back again, enclose a request, in the pocket of the book "please return"- and the author and title of the book. Be sure your Branch name is stamped on all requests, and any other items you send to us.

Magazine subscriptions - some of them - are due at the end of the year. Please let us know if you wish any changes made in the magazines you are currently receiving. If they are due for renewal, we can cancel or substitute. We need this information immediately, so check and drop us a line by return mail.

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Service to young adult readers (YA):

For the purposes of Library service, the young adult is defined as a person between the ages of 14 and 19, or to encompass the students enrolled in Senior High School. (California Library Association Standards of Work with Young Adults defines YA as being between the age of 12 and 19 or enrolled in grades 7-12).

Library service to young adults is designed to provide a way to introduce adult reading to the teen-ager, and to help him make the transition from children's books to more mature reading.

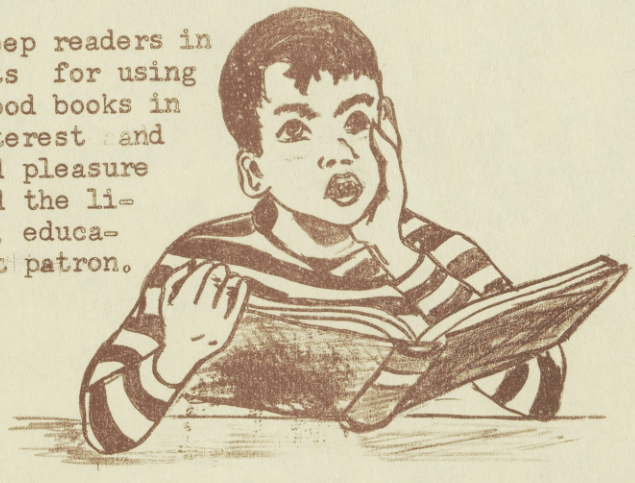
Young adults outgrow the childrens' books at varying ages, but most of them are not prepared to use adult materials on their own. They are often overwhelmed and confused by the adult collection, either because of its size, or because of unfamiliarity with authors and titles, and they have difficulty finding books which satisfy their needs. For this reason, some adult books of special interest, recommended for young adult readers, will be marked in this Library with a special YA label on the spine of the book. Books labelled YA are adult books, but because of their suitability for the Young Adult reader, are marked to call them to their attention.

You may want to set aside a few shelves in the Library for these YA books, of special interest to the high school reader. However, remember that this is a guide, and not a limitation. Young adults are not to be limited to materials found on these shelves, but should be free to select books from both the Y collection and the adult shelves as well.

The YA collection is designed to cover the actual and potential interests and needs of the entire group, and should be broad enough to make each young adult reader aware of the vast resources available to him in books. Both fiction and non-fiction, written with honesty, sincerity and a knowledge of things of interest and concern to the young adult, that are written within their comprehension are included in this collection. In general, the factual or "reference' type of book on special subjects, will be included in the general adult collection, and not especially marked. The young adult will ask for this type of material by subject fields, and will select the books most helpful to him, from this adult section.

Y or youth books are not to be confused with the YA book. The Y book is written especially for the young adolescent who is searching to bridge the gap between children and adult books. The Y books are actually part of the juvenile collection, although shelved separately, and offer to young teen-agers books that present a fairly realistic picture of teen-age interests. The Y collection is intended for the less mature reader. They are to assist in guiding the developing reader toward greater maturity in his reading, at which time he will be ready for the YA or special adult books.

The aim in working with young adults is not to keep readers in the young adult area, but to give them guideposts for using the adult department, and an introduction to good books in all fields and in each appropriate level of interest and readability. If the young adult has experienced pleasure and ease in developing his reading, and has found the library to be a dependable source of information, education and recreation, they will return as an adult patron.



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Thought for the day: "These students, in whom we are up to our ears, will be paying taxes to support our public and school libraries in a few years. A few years beyond that, they will be serving on Library Boards and School Boards. Let us hope we have enough brains, persuasive ability and gumption to do what is necessary, now, so these students will recognize libraries as important enough, and librarians as smart enough and understanding enough so they will give libraries better support than their parents did."

Summer reading club ended with festivities in several Branches: King City, San Ardo, Bradley, Spreckels and Marina.

Mrs. Huntington is still scheduling story hours for Branches, so if you want one, and are not yet on her regular schedule, get in touch with her and find out what can be arranged.

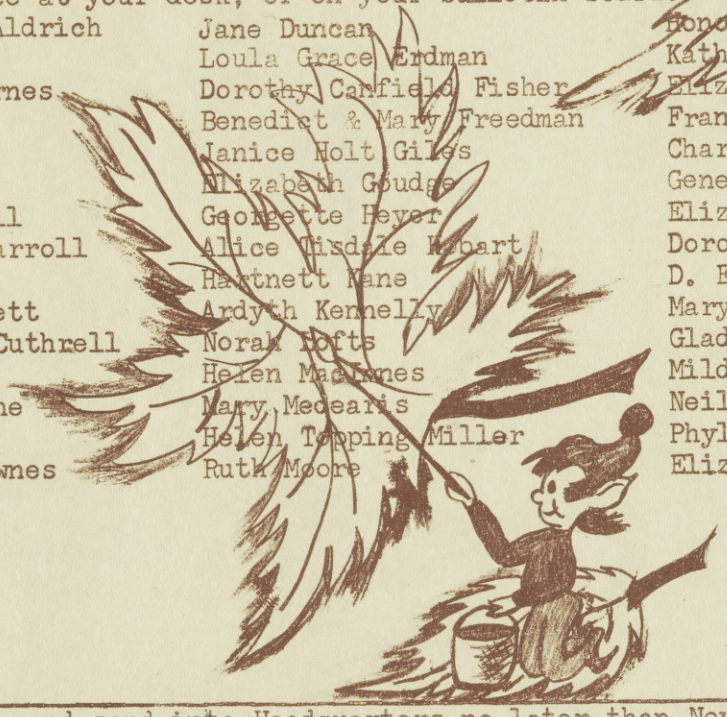
A small scolding is in order, in some areas: we have been appalled at the poor housekeeping in evidence at several of our Branches on recent visits of various staff members. We cannot supply you with janitor service, but it is part of your job to see that the floor and furniture is dusted, that your desk is not a confused and messy clutter where nothing can be found, and that tables are cleared and books shelved neatly - that is, in order, and with spines in line with front edges of shelves. If you have to crowd books in every which way, then you need to weed your collection and get rid of books not being used - and every Branch has many of these. Remember, we can always send a book back to fill that occasional request you might get. But please tidy up, and put a bouquet of flowers or a piece of driftwood with a colorful and appropriate book to highlight your library. Christmas is coming - as well as Thanksgiving and Book Week, so make ready for a series of modest but attractive special displays. But most of all - CLEAN UP THE MESS!

BONBONS FOR BOOKWORMS:

Something a little different, which we are pilfering from another Library Newsletter - authors to keep in mind when the dear, sweet lady from around the corner, asks in an appalled tone, "Don't you have any nice stories for me"?

These have been happily called "Pleasant Company." Keep this list in a handy place at your desk, or on your bulletin board:

Bess Streeter Aldrich
Margaret Allis
Margaret C. Barnes
Thyra Bjorn
Ann Bridge
Gwen Bristow
Elizabeth Cadell
Gladys Hasty Carroll
B. J. Chute
Elizabeth Corbett
Faith Boldwin Cuthrell
Gwen Davenport
Mazo De La Roche
Lloyd Douglas
Anne Miller Downes
Jane Duncan
Loula Grace Erdman
Dorothy Canfield Fisher
Benedict & Mary Freedman
Janice Holt Giles
Elizabeth Goudge
Georgette Heyer
Alice Tisdale Hobart
Hartnett Kane
Ardyth Kennelly
Norah Lofts
Helen MacInnes
Mary Medearis
Helen Topping Miller
Ruth Moore
Honore Willsie Morrow
Kathleen Norris
Elizabeth Ogilvie
Frances Gray Patton
Charlotte Paul
Gene Stratton Porter
Elizabeth Seifert
Dorothy Evelyn Smith
D. E. Stevenson
Mary Stewart
Gladys Taber
Mildred Walker
Neila Garner White
Phyllis Whitney
Elizabeth Yates



Tear off here - and send into Headquarters no later than November 1

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Branch Librarians' Meeting
November 8, 1963

I will be there. Make____ reservations for lunch
I will bring as my guest(s) - List names:

Branch:_____ _____
Signature